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TEAM

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1. EMBASSY HAD UNDERSTOOD IN DISCUSSIONS WITH VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM THAT THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WAS POSSIBLE IN PRESENT PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR, AND WERE PREPARED TO DISENGAGE BY SATURDAY JUNE 28. WE ARE INFAC, EXPECTING TEAMLEADER MCGERRITY HERE FOR DEBRIEFING ON THAT DAY.

2. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE AS RECOMMENDED REFTTEL BY MONDAY JUNE 30, 1975. DEPARTMENT KNOWS SAUDI ARABIA IS A HARD PLACE TO WORK, AND THAT RESULTS ARE ALL TOO OFTEN LATE AND PARTIAL. THE IMPRESSIONS LEFT HOWEVER AT EACH STAGE OF PROGRESS CAN BE IMPORTANT TO THE FINAL RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS. FOR THIS REASON WE URGE THAT AS TEAM BEGINS TO EDGE TOWARD THE DOOR, IT SHOULD BE WITHOUT ANY IMPLIED DISSATISFACTION AT THE NATURE AND PACE OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SAUDIS. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON THE PLEASURE THE TEAM FEELS AT HAVING BEEN

ABLE TO MEET ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT AS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WITH SAUDI COUNTERPARTS, AND THE WILLINGNESS OF USG TO FOLLOW - UP ON SUBJECT WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIALS WHENEVER LATTER BELIEVE THE TIMING IS APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL. TEAM MUST NOT LEAVE BEHIND ANY EFFLUVIUM OF DISCONTENT ("I'M TIRED OF WAITING"); THIS WOULD PLAY INTO HANDS OF OUR MANY WOULD-BE COMPETITORS FOR PREFERRED TREATMENT AS A PARTNER IN SAUDI ARABIA'S DEVELOPMENT.

3. WE BELIEVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM HAS DONE EXEMPLARY JOB UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS. WE WOULD NOT (ON EVE OF MR. ROBINSON'S VISIT) WANT TO SEE THE POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS TEAM HAVE MADE DIMINISHED WITHIN THE HYPER-CONDUCTIVE SAG BY ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE WERE DISATISFIED WITH SAG'S RESPONSIVENESS. PRESENT MOOD OF SAUDIS IS RATHER TO FIND FAULT WITH USG HANDLING OF BUSINESS AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS (E.G. CHURCH COMMITTEE). WE MUST THINK OF OUR LONGER TERMS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP. THE ISSUES WHICH OUR HANDLING OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM INVOLVE ARE CONSIDERABLE. IN SAUDI ARABIA THE WAY IN WHICH THINGS ARE DONE IS ALMOST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT IS DONE.

4. THESE CONCERNS MAY BE IMPLICIT IN REFTEL, BUT WITHOUT PRIOR COORDINATION BETWEEN JECOR AND EMBASSY THE FOCUS OF THIS MESSAGE COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC.

5. WE MUST ASK THAT IN FUTURE SUCH MESSAGES BE REVIEWED AND DESPATCHED FROM EMBASSY, JIDDA BEFORE A COURSE OF ACTION IS RECOMMENDED TO DEPARTMENT. IT WOULD BE A MORE EFFICIENT AND PROBABLY EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO PROCEED.

6. EMBOFF WILL PROVIDE JECOR WITH COPY OF THIS MESSAGE 6/26. AT SAME TIME WE WILL ASCERTAIN FROM TEAM CHIEF MCGERRITY IF WE CAN HELP IN HIS DISENGAGEMENT.
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